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October 2009

**NEXT GENERAL MEETING IS ON October 29th
at the American Legion Tillman Post in Akron at 7:30PM**

**Next Board Meeting: November 12th at Pour
Boyz, 6241 S. Transit Road in Lockport at 7:00PM**

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Club Headlines

- **Next General Meeting: October 29th at 7:30 PM at American Legion Tillman Post, 9 Eckerson Avenue in the Village of Akron.**
- **Other Meetings:**
- **Board Meeting: November 12th at 7:00PM Pour Boyz 6241 S. Transit Road in Lockport.**
- **Safety Class: November 14th from 9am to 5 pm at the Swormsville Firehall. Anyone over 10 years old can attend. Call 741-4334 and leave a message if you are interested.**

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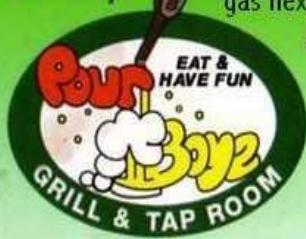
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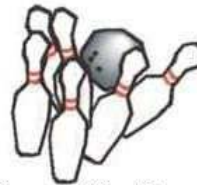
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**President's Page****It's Trail Time!**

The pumpkins are out and the corn is gone (almost). It time to bring together what we work all year for. It's time to install our trail. We have a small window of opportunity between harvest and hunting season to get that done. I ask that every trail captain access what you have and get some work parties scheduled. We now have a special heading on our website to do that and it will help everyone better coordinate it. Please confirm with all the landowners on your sections(s) to cover any re-routes. Remember to follow the newer signing guidelines that we have adopted.

We also have a snowmobile operator safety class scheduled for Saturday November 14th from 9-5 at the Swormville Fire hall. Anyone 10 and over is welcome. Upon completion, you will receive a NYS operator certificate allowing you to operate a snowmobile on public lands. We are limited to 50 students so sign up early. Please call 741-4334 and leave a message if you are interested. See the website for details.

You've probably heard about the new groomer and the various programs it will take to support it. As of today, many members have not yet stepped up to get their coupon books to sell. My hope was that every member could sell at least 5 and we would throw in the 6th for you to keep! It will raise much needed funds for our new purchase. Please call, e-mail, or come to the next meeting to get yours.

We are also looking for more volunteers to distribute our groomer donation boxes around town. I would like some members to take 5 or so and place them throughout our trail system and then stop in once a week or so and collect the funds. It'll take a few hours a month (if that) and will help out trail system! What a great project for those looking for community service hours!

Everyone wants a trail system we can enjoy. We've provided that for some time now and have just raised it to a new level. We now need *you* to show your commitment to this sport and do *your* part to make it work. Are you passionate about riding? I hope so!

Please remember that your input is always welcome. Please let us know if you have any thoughts on improving our club or the trail system. As you can tell, we are always looking for help!

See you at our next meeting on the 24th.

Eric



A Few Upcoming Events

****Landowner/Christmas Party—Save the Date!** December 12 at 5 PM. See page 19 for more information.

****Snowmobile Safety Course—Saturday, November 14th** from 9 am to 5 pm at the Swormsville Firehall. Any person age 10 or over may attend to receive a NYS operator certificate. Call 741-4334 and leave a message if you are interested in attending.

Attention Members and Landowners
Our newsletter has gone electronic.

Members and landowners will need to make sure the Northern Erie Sno-Seekers has your current email address. Call the Snow Phone at 741-NESS if you need to make changes.

No email address? Call an officer and let them know so arrangements can be made to get the newsletter to you.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES WANTED

Do you have an idea for an article for the newsletter? Or would like to write one? Is there something you would like to see in the newsletter? Please send all suggestions, ideas, comments and articles to slandow@rochester.rr.com. If you would like an item posted in the next newsletter—all submissions are requested by the 10th of the month.

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“Enjoy The City” Coupon Books

We'll be selling “Enjoy the City” coupon books as a club fundraiser. They're loaded with coupons for a lot of local establishments and services. Please come to the next meeting to get a few to sell. As an extra incentive, anyone who sells 5 will get one free to keep for your self! What a great way to support your club in a time of need and get “paid” to do it! If you would like to purchase one a book or sell them and can not make it to a meeting call Sandy at 741-3285.

2009-2010 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATIONS

Membership applications are now available for the 2009-2010 season. Memberships run from April 1, 2009 to March 31, 2010. Applications are available on Page 20 of the newsletter or drop by a meeting to sign up. **DON'T WAIT—SIGN UP NOW.**

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Attention Landowners Let Us Know!!!

Please contact the trail coordinator, any officer, or leave a message at 741-6377 if any area of your property needs attention this year. We greatly appreciate the use of your land for our trails and will do what we can to keep the ATV's and trespassers off.

If you have any concerns or recommendations on how to keep ATV's off your property, let us know. We can address trouble spots while removing the snowmobile trails.

Thanks again for all of your support, without your generosity, we wouldn't have these wonderful trails.

Thank You!!!!

American Legion L.L. Tillman Post No. 900

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Right Turn		Left arm raised at shoulder height, elbow bent, and forearm vertical with palm of hand flat.
Left Turn		Left arm extended straight out from shoulder and pointing in the direction of the turn.
Stop		Arm raised from the shoulder and extended up over the head with palm of hand flat.
Slowing		Left arm extended out and down from the side of the body with a downward flapping motion of hand to signal warning or caution.
Oncoming Sleds		Left arm raised at shoulder height, elbow bent and forearm vertical, wrist bent, move arm from left to right over head, pointing to right side of trail.
Sleds Following		Arm raised, elbow bent with thumb pointing backward in hitch-hiking motion move arm forward to backward over your shoulder.
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October 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Sabres Regular Season Schedule Begins
4 Bills @ Miami 4:05 PM	5	6	7	8 Board Meeting 7:00 PM at Pour Boyz Lockport	9	10 Buck's Motorsports Open House 9 am to 6 pm
11 Browns @ Bills 1:00 PM	12 Columbus Day	13	14	15	16	17
18 Bills @ NY Jets 4:15 PM	19	20	21	22	23	24
25 Bills @ Panthers 4:05 PM	26	27	28	29 General Meeting 7:30 PM at Tillman Post, Akron	30 Don George Open House See Page 18 for Details	31 Happy Halloween 



November 2009

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Texans@ Bills 1:00 PM	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12 Board Meeting 7:00 PM at Pour Boyz, Lockport	13	14 Safety Course See Page 5 for De- tails
15 Bills @ Titans 1:00PM	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Bills @ Jag- uars 1:00PM	23	24	25	26 Happy Thanksgiving 	27	28
29 Dolphins@ Bills 1:00 PM	30					



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**EARLY BIRD MEMBERSHIP WINNER**

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Thank you to everyone who renewed their memberships early!

MESSAGE FROM NIAGARA COUNTY TRAIL COORDINATOR

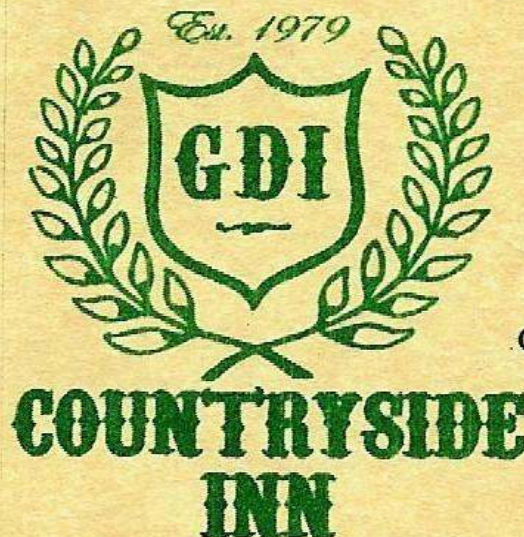
Things are moving ahead for the season so far. As of OCT. 10 we have materials to take care of Bowen Rd. bridge and a work session planned. The culvert in Wolcottville has been done and taken care of. The stakes that were unpainted are now painted and returned to the trail captains.

We still need trail captains for Gasport to Terrys Corners and the section between Simms Rd. and Wolcottville Rd. Even if you could do a small section that would be a great help. Please keep checking the web site for ongoing work sessions and other work that will need to be done before it snows.

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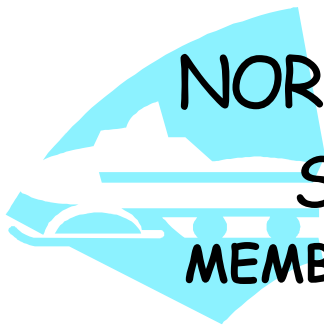
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Please remember, we are a **100% volunteer**, 501(c) 3, not-for-profit organization that relies on member support to make our club a success. Everyone has **something** they can contribute and **any** assistance (no matter how big or small) is greatly appreciated. Please check any area(s) where you can help us say: "The Best Trails in WNY!"

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Date _____

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- Our general **meetings** are held at 7:30 PM on the last Thursday of each month. Please check our website for location but during the season, they're at **American Legion Tillman Post 9** Eckerson Road Akron, New York. It's located right on **C4C trail** (the bike path at Cedar Street) so you can come join us by sled! All ages are welcome! Bring a friend, too!
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